

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(currently amended)** A composition comprising:
  - a) a linker comprising:
    - i) at least a first hydrophilic polymer portion; and
    - ii) a rigidity component portion;
  - b) a terminal dendrimer comprising an aryl group with at least two attachment moieties wherein said terminal dendrimer is attached to a first region of said linker; and
  - c) a functional moiety attached to a second region of said linker.
2. **(previously presented)** A composition according to Claim 1 wherein said linker further comprises a second hydrophilic polymer portion.
3. **(previously presented)** A composition according to Claim 1 or 2 wherein at least one of said hydrophilic polymer portions comprises a polyethylene glycol polymer.
4. **(previously presented)** A composition according to Claim 3 wherein said linker comprises two polyethylene glycol polymer portions separated by said rigidity component portion.
5. **(original)** A method comprising:
  - a) providing a composition according to claim 1; and
  - b) attaching a binding moiety to said functional moietyto form a binding composition.

6. **(original)** A method according to claim 5 wherein said binding moiety is a polypeptide.
7. **(original)** A method according to claim 5 wherein said binding moiety is an antibody or an antibody fragment.
8. **(original)** A method according to claim 7 wherein said antibody or antibody fragment is recombinant.
9. **(original)** A method according to claim 8 wherein said recombinant antibody or recombinant antibody fragment is glycosylated.

Claims 10-17 **(canceled)**

18. **(currently amended)** A method of attaching a first compound to a second compound by:
  - a) glycosylation of said first compound with a promiscuous O-linked-glycosyltransferase;
  - b) oxidation of said glycosylation to produce an aldehyde-derivitized first compound;
 and,
  - c) providing a hydrazide-derivatized second compound; and
  - [[e)]] d) reacting said aldehyde-derivatized[[derivatized]] first compound with [[a]] said hydrazide-derivatize[[derivitized]] second compound to attach said first compound to said second compound.

19. **(currently amended)** The method of Claim 18 wherein said first compound comprises a binding moiety to a ~~target analyte~~ cognate.

20. **(currently amended)** The method of Claim 19 wherein said glycosylation does not decrease the binding of the binding moiety to ~~its~~ said cognate.

Claims 21-24 **(canceled)**

25. **(new)** The method of Claim 19 or 20 wherein said cognate is a target analyte.